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SUBJECT: LEBANON: FRG SUPPORT FOR UNIFIL

1. THE FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY A CABINET-LEVEL DECISION TO OFFER FRG TRANSPORT CAPABILITIES IN SUPPORT OF UN OPERATIONS IN LEBANON.

2. AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE PRESS STATEMENT, REPORTING TODAY'S CABINET DISCUSSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, FOLLOWS:

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VICE-CHANCELLOR GENSCHER MADE SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND RECALLED THAT THE FRG CONDEMNED THE TERRORIST PLOT IN TEL AVIV AND EXPRESSED ITS SYMPATHY TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, THAT THE FRG WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT PARTICULARLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN PREPARING THE RESOLUTION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THAT IT SUPPORTED THE US GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES, WHICH THE FRG THOUGHT TO BE PARTICULARLY CONSTRUCTIVE.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR REMARKED THAT THE FRG IDENTIFIES ITSELF WITH THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST REGION. THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE UN OPERATION DECIDED UPON BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY MAKING UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE TRANSPORT CAPACITY. FEDERAL MINISTER APEL (DEFENSE) WILL SEEK TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN THIS RESPECT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HIS POSSIBILITIES. MORE-OVER, THE FRG WILL EXTEND HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE MANY REFUGEES WHO HAVE FOR SOME DAYS BEEN MOVING TOWARD THE LEBANESE CAPITAL. THE FRG WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO HELP, IN COORDINATION WITH ITS AMERICAN PARTNERS, WHO HAVE ALREADY DISPATCHED HUMANITARIAN AID TO LEBANON. THE FRG WILL CONCENTRATE ON SUPPLYING MEDICINES.

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